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by a "bone-head" play on the part of some athlete. Such a play up in one of the smaller minor leagues last summer simply because

managed to fill the bases with two men down. The batter, a left hander, was known as a left field hitter, and the moment he stepped into the batter's box the entire outfield shifted, moving in close to the infield and toward the left field foul line. The batter responded with a short

the fielder made the catch, the runner from second reached third base, the runner on first having advanced to second and the batter to first, and the man on third had reached the plate. The runner who had ad-

vanced from second to third was in an excellent position to see the play, and he evidently believed that the left fielder had made the catch, for he started in the direction of second base, that being his position on the opposing team. The fielder believed he had made a proper catch, for he merely lobbed the ball to the shortstop and started for the bench.

When the runner who had advanced to third was almost back to second, he was made to understand that the umpire had ruled that the

ball had been trapped, not legally caught. Instantly, he started back to

third. The shortstop, who had taken the throw from the outfield, tossed the ball to the third baseman, who touched out the runner a foot or two before he reached third base. The team in the field contended that the

run did not count, because the play at third resolved itself into a force third out, which retired the side. How do you suppose the umpire ruled? (Copyright, 1914, by the Wheeler Syndicate, Inc.)

Answer to Saturday's Problem.

N the first question asked, the batter is out immediately on the third strike, whether or not with one or no one out. Section 6 of rule 51 applies here. The runner is safe at second. There is no force, and he must be touched with the ball even though it arrived at the base in

In the second question it is necessary to touch the man at second to retire him. Just an soon as the first baseman touched first with the ball,

In the third question, the runner on third scores, When a balk is

In regard to the question as to why the infield fly rule does not apply with the runner on first with one or none out, I will try to explain briefly. The rule was made to prevent double plays by purposely dropping fly balls. On pop files to the infield, base runners always hold their bases. With only first base occupied, there is never a chance to make a double

made, all runners advance whether forced or not.

retiring the batter, he eliminated the force. The runner need not go to second; he could have gone back to first if he could have reached that

advance of him.

By Billy Evans Famous American League Umpire. T is the unnatural play in baseball that creates the most confusion,

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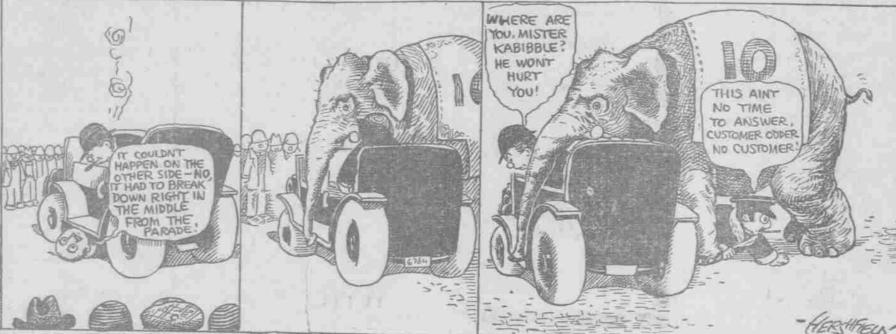
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